

SECTION I.

SHRI GITA-MAHATMYAM,
OR
THE EXCELLENCY OF THE GITA.

SHRI BHAGAVAN said:

1. This imperishable Yoga I declared to
Vivasvat; Vivas-
vat taught it to Harishchandra ; Manu to Ikshvaku
told it.—(iv. 1.)
2. This, handed on down the line, the king-
sages knew.
This Yoga by great efflux of time decayed in
the world,
O Parantapa.—(iv. 2.)
3. This same ancient Yoga hath been to-day
declared to
•thee by Me, for thou art My devotee and My
friend ; it is
the Supreme Secret.—(iv. 3.)
4. I will again proclaim that supreme
wisdom, of all
Wisdom the best, which all the Munis, having
known, have
gone hence to the Supreme Perfection.—(xiv.
1.)
5. Having taken refuge in this wisdom
and being as-
similated to My own- nature, they are not re-
born even in
the emanation of a universe, nor are
disquieted in the dis-
solution.—(xiv. 2.)
6. With Manas clinging to Me, O Partha,
performing
Yoga, refuged in Me, how thou shalt without
doubt know
Me to the uttermost, that hear thou.—(vii. L)
7. I will declare to thee this knowledge and
wisdom in
its completeness, which, having known, there
is nothing
more here remaineth to be known.—(vii. 2.)
8. Who abide ever in this teaching of
Mine, full of
faith and free from cavilling, they too are
released from
actions.—(iii. 31.)